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Joint Inspection Unit

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd and 16th meetings, on 9 October and 7 November 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.3 and 16).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2006 and programme of work for 2007.[1]

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.3

4. At its 16th meeting, on 7 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" (A/C.5/62/L.3), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Croatia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.3 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/62/34).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006 and 61/260 of 4 April 2007,

Having considered the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities,[1]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 61/260;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

3. *Welcomes* the change in the Unit's annual planning process, and notes with appreciation the positive impact that it has had on coordination with other United Nations oversight bodies;

4. *Encourages* the Unit, in the ongoing implementation of its mandate, to continue to coordinate with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services to maximize the use of resources and share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned;

5. *Looks forward* to considering the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2007 and its programme of work for 2008 at the first part of its resumed sixty-second session;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the full and timely implementation of oversight recommendations, requests the executive heads of the participating organizations to take the steps necessary to improve the rate of the implementation of the Unit's recommendations, and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider and take action in that regard;

7. *Urges* the Unit, as the only system-wide external oversight body, to continue to focus primarily its work and reports, whenever possible, on issues of system-wide interest, value and relevance to the efficient and effective functioning of all organizations to which the Unit provides services;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the information presented in the annual report concerning the expected savings as a result of the Unit's recommendations.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/62/34), chap. I.